

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, October 5, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 5, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Norman B. Steen, The Christian Reformed Church of Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, Lord of the Nations, You've got the whole world in Your strong and loving hands, this grand Capitol building, our beloved Nation, and all people everywhere.

As this session of the House is drawing to a close, I ask You, Lord, for the blessing of Your wisdom to fall on these Congressmen and Congresswomen as they seek the common good in their deliberations and debate on this day.

Lord, give them understanding, patience and goodwill as they struggle to accomplish their legislative goals, and with this big push now to wrap things up before the campaign season moves into high gear, give our leaders health, strength and endurance to be able to work effectively under all of these pressures.

And above all, Lord, may Your love of justice and mercy and peace be reflected in the work of these dedicated public servants on this day for the blessing of our Nation, for the blessing of the world.

Yours, Lord God, is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. RIV-

ERS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. RIVERS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1162. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge".

H.R. 1605. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 402 North Walnut Street in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "J. Smith Henley Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 4318. An act to establish the Red River National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 4642. An act to make certain personnel flexibilities available with respect to the General Accounting Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4806. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building".

H.R. 5284. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Main Street in Norfolk, Virginia, as the "Owen B. Pickett United States Courthouse".

H. Con. Res. 399. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4002. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to revise and improve provisions relating to famine prevention and freedom from hunger.

H.R. 4386. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to surveillance and information concerning the relationship between cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus (HPV) and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2412. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 103-296, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member of the Finance Committee, appoints David Podoff, of Maryland, as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board, vice Lori L. Hansen.

THE REVEREND NORMAN B. STEEN

(Mr. HOEKSTRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome the Reverend Norman Steen, pastor of the Christian Reformed Church of Washington, D.C. as a guest chaplain for the House of Representatives.

The Washington, D.C. Christian Reformed Church has a proud history of more than 50 years in the District of Columbia. The church was founded during World War II by members of the Christian Reformed Church who came to Washington from Michigan, Iowa, New Jersey, Washington, and California and from throughout the United States in order to serve our Nation.

Since that time, the church has rooted itself in Northeast Washington and has seen many changes in this city, all the while serving its members and the community around it.

Reverend Steen has been the pastor of the church since April of 1999. Prior to moving with his wife, Barb, he was a minister at a church in my hometown, the 14th Street Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan. During his distinguished 25-year career as a minister, Norm has also served churches in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and Parkersburg, Iowa.

I hope the entire House will join me in welcoming Reverend Norm Steen as our guest chaplain today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minute speeches on each side.

CONGRATULATING IAN AMBER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House